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Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

> Tariff to Introduce BellSouth® Integrated Solutions Re:

Docket No. 03-00512

Dear Chairman Tate:

Thank you for allowing BellSouth to be heard during the Agenda Conference on November 24. As was discussed during the conference, BellSouth is eager to resolve any issues surrounding its Integrated Solutions Tariff, which was filed on August 29, 2003, as well as other bundled offerings BellSouth will tariff in the future. As noted during the conference, the BellSouth® Integrated Solutions Tariff has become effective in all of BellSouth's other eight states.

BellSouth is concerned about the timing for resolution of its Integrated Solutions Tariff given that it does not appear from the TRA's Conference Agenda that argument on the Integrated Solutions Tariff will be heard until after December 15. While BellSouth recognizes that the Authority has indicated its preference for handling the *Integrated Solutions Tariff* on a similar basis as the Sprint Safe and Sound Tariff, BellSouth is concerned about the delay that would occur if argument, deliberation and ultimate disposition of the Safe and Sound Tariff were required before BellSouth has an opportunity to present oral argument relating to its *Integrated* Solutions Tariff. For this reason, BellSouth respectfully requests that the TRA also place on the Agenda for December 15, the BellSouth® Integrated Solutions Tariff for the purpose of presentation of brief oral argument, which would allow the authority to either deliberate the issue at that time or to take the matter under advisement.

Placing the *Integrated Solutions Tariff* on the agenda for this purpose on December 15, would assist the authority and all parties in bringing this matter to a more rapid resolution. Time is of the essence, in order to coordinate the offering of this discounted bundle elsewhere in its region, and for this reason, BellSouth respectfully requests that the TRA expedite consideration of BellSouth's Integrated Solutions Tariff.

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